Estimating the Impact of the San Diego Chargers to the local economy

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Itinerary

- Methods of Estimating Economic Impact
- Results of studies
- Guidelines for incentives to the Chargers

The "Projection" Method

- Estimate spending at the venue
- Apply a multiplier
- Problems
 - Estimates of spending are speculative
 - Value of multiplier is subjective
- "Believing is Seeing"

The "Retrospective" Method

- Uses historical data and statistical techniques to observe the impact.
 - Looks at actual relationship
 - Examples
 - Rosentraub and Nunn
 - Economic impact was too large to be contained in a Texas suburb
 - Baade and others
 - Four studies
 - All show no impact on local economies
 - Sports teams redirect employment to "less" well paying service industry jobs.
 - Baim

Baim Studies

- 1994—NFL and MLB franchises may have an economic impact on small and mid-size cities, but not in large cities.
- 1999—Looks at specific population ranges
- 2003–Estimates the impact of specific franchises on specific industries in a local economy.

1999–Impact on Service Employment

Table 1
Service Industry Employment by Population Class
COEFFICIENTS

Population Range	Number of Observations	of F Ratio	Population (t–statistic) significance level	Football (t-statistic) significance level	Baseball (t-statistic) significance level
small	83	.279	0.0019	23.47	40.37
less than		10.43	(3.97)	(1.36)	(2.91)
500,000		7.2 x10 ⁻⁰⁶	.00015	.177	0.005
medium	129	.315	.00012	55.23	36.15
500,000 to		19.337	(5.85)	(3.10)	(2.77)
1,500,000		2.31x10 ⁻¹⁰	3.81x10 ⁻⁰⁸	0.002	.006
large	36	.83	6.39x10 ⁻⁰⁵	-211.65	398.59
more than		54.78	(10.11)	(-5.22)	(6.91)
1,500,000		1.052/x10 ⁻¹²	1.24x10 ¹¹	9.78x10 ⁻⁰⁶	6.63x10 ⁻⁰⁸

1999–Impact on Nonagricultural Employment

Table 2
Non–Agricultural Employment by Population Class
COEFFICIENTS

		R^2	Population	Football	Baseball
Population	Number of	F–ratio	(t-statistic)	(t-statistic)	(t-statistic)
Range	Observations	Significance of F Ratio	significance	significance	significance
		or ratio	/ \ level	level	level /
small	98	.30	0.0012	72.98	150.16
less than 500,000		13.5	(7.58)	(1.28)	(3.19)
300,000		2.13×10^{-07}	2.3×10^{-11}	.204	0.002
medium	154	.313 /	0.0007	420.00	57.17
500,000 to 1,500,000		22.92	(7.20)	(5.28)	(1.04)
1,500,000		2.86×10^{-12}	2.64x10 ⁻¹¹	4.52×10^{-07}	.30
large	52	.78	0.0004	-27.70	92.43
more than 1,500,000		59.44	(12.52)	(-0.10)	(.27)
1,300,000		3.44×10^{-16}	6.98×10^{-17}	.917	.79

2003-Rams' Impact on Orange County Employment

entry	1986–2000	_	21%
graphic Printing	1986–2000	+	53%
naceuticals, Prep (D)	1986–2000	1	44%
ronic Computers	1988–1999	1	50%
ed Circuit Boards	1988-2000	1	10.5%
ronic Semiconductors	1988-2000	1	85%
ical and Medical Instruments (D)	1986–2000	+	28%
phone Other (D)	1991-2000	+	59%
or Vehicle Parts & Supplies (wholesale)	1986-2000		80%
r Electronic Parts and Equipment	1986-2000	1	8%
r Groceries & Related Products (wholesale)	1986–2000	+	24%
g Places (D)	1986–2000	+	76%
king Places (alcohol)	1988–2000	-	3%
Supply Services	1988–2000		56%
vare Publishers	1986–2000	-	7%
Processing Services	1986–2000	\setminus +	87%
ctive Services	1988–2000	\ <u> </u>	26%
motive Repair Shops	1986–2000	+	72%
ical Labs	1986–2000	_\	28%
neering Services	1988–2000		97%
	1986–2000	_	42%

2003–Rams' Impact on Orange County Payroll

pentry	1986–2000	_	18%
nographic Printing	1986–2000		77%
armaceuticals, Prep (D)	1986–2000	_	33%
ctronic Computers	1988–1999	_	19%
nted Circuit Boards	1988-2000	_	20%
ctronic Semiconductors	1988-2000	1	48%
gical and Medical Instruments (D)	1986–2000	+	15%
ephone Other (D)	1991-2000	+	50%
tor Vehicle Parts & Supplies (wholesale)	1986-2000	_	51%
er Electronic Parts and Equipment	1986-2000	_	18%
er Groceries & Related Products (wholesale)	1986–2000	_	19%
ing Places (D)	1986–2000	_	98%
nking Places (alcohol)	1988–2000	_	18%
lp Supply Services	1988–2000	_	78%
ftware Publishers	1986–2000	_	3%
ta Processing Services	1986–2000	-	61%
tective Services	1988–2000	_	55%
tomotive Repair Shops	1986–2000	_	51%
dical Labs	1986–2000	\ <u>\</u>	21%
gineering Services	1988–2000	+	89%
al	1986–2000	_	19%

Similarities between OC and San Diego County

- Populations are nearly identical
- Age and Income similar
- % of white population similar, different ethnic mixes of non-whites
- Both have several destination tourist attractions

Punch line

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THAT AN NFL FRANCHISE HAS A POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON A CITY AND COUNTY THE SIZE OF SAN DIEGO

IF Incentives are used....

- Without any evidence that the Chargers stimulate the San Diego economy it is not justifiable to provide them with an incentive for a broad based tax.
 - Tax those who do not receive the benefit
 - Regressive tax
- Avoid tourist taxes
 - Will hurt tourist trade
- Don't bury any stadium proposal in a stadium referendum.